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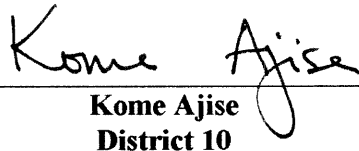
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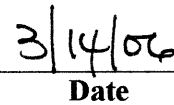
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

General Information about this Regional Work Plan (RWP)

The Regional Work Plan (RWP) provides region-specific information for District 10, Region 6's water bodies, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and monitoring programs. The purpose of the RWP is to describe how the California Department of Transportation (Department) will specifically implement the Statewide Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) within the jurisdiction of each Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) during Fiscal Year 2006-2007 as required by the *Department Statewide Storm Water NPDES Permit – Order No. 99-06-DWQ* (Permit). Implementation activities will be conducted in accordance with the procedures presented in the SWMP. The RWP indicates how District storm water management practices will be modified to improve water quality protection based on evaluation of the previous studies and management activities.

Goals and Commitments

District 10 will continue to train staff of storm water issues, through tailgate meetings as well as formal classes. A monthly newsletter is distributed throughout the district highlighting a storm water topic. New training for engineering staff will include principles of designing treatment BMP's.

Major Changes

The District's NPDES Storm Water department has increased staff, enabling a comprehensive effort in improving Storm Water management in Project Development, Construction, and Maintenance, as well as increased coordination with all Department branches and local agencies.

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2.0 DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Central Region Storm Water Coordinator

The Central Region Storm Water Coordinator (CR-SWC) is accountable for establishing an effective storm water program and maintaining a liaison with Headquarters and other District Program Managers (Division Chiefs) for the purpose of effective communication, collaboration, and coordination of storm water activities. The CR-SWC provides support, direction, and guidance to the District Storm Water Coordinator (DSWC). The responsibilities of the CR-SWC include:

- Align Region efforts to achieve compliance with the NPDES permit
- Be the ultimate signatory authority in the Central Region for all compliance documents and commitments regarding storm water management

District NPDES Storm Water Coordinator (DSWC)

Under the general direction of the Regional Storm Water Coordinator, the role of the DSWC is to facilitate implementation of the Storm Water Management Program. The DSWC serves as a liaison with the Water Quality Program. Liaison activities include conducting Storm Water Management Team (SWMT) meetings related to storm water management issues with the coordinators from each functional unit and to coordinate meetings with other MS4 permittees to discuss problems and concerns. Liaison activities also include regular communications with representatives of the RWQCB.

The DSWC also provides coordination with the Department's Headquarters functional programs and the Districts. In addition, the DSWC has the following responsibilities:

- Receiving and responding to public inquiries made to the Districts regarding storm water management issues.
- Reporting instances of non-compliance to the RWQCBs.
- Coordinating with Project Development teams to address storm water issues and implement regulatory policy into projects.

Maintenance Coordinator

The Maintenance SW Coordinator coordinates storm water training for maintenance staff as well as overseeing inspection of maintenance facilities and operations relative to Permit compliance. The Maintenance Coordinator updates the Maintenance portion of the RWP, and compiles information for the Annual Reports, Maintenance SW Operational Report, as well as the SWMP. The Maintenance SW Coordinator serves as the conduit for information between the District SWMT and maintenance field offices, as well as the Headquarters Maintenance Program.

Construction Coordinator

Under the general direction of the Division of Construction, the Construction Storm Water Coordinator (CSWC) is responsible for developing storm water quality policies and

guidance and daily management of Construction's storm water quality program. The CSWC is responsible for the proper implementation of the SWMP and the RWP within Construction. The specific tasks for which the CSWC will be responsible include:

- Work as the primary point of contact for storm water issues during the construction phase.
- Develop and administer storm water training for Construction staff.
- Review Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP).
- Track critical compliance milestones that occur before and during the course of construction.
- Conduct final project closeout inspections.
- Submit the Notice of Completions for SWPPP projects
- Submit approved SWPPPs to the RWQCBs as requested.
- Submit reports to the RWQCBs as requested.
- Provide oversight inspections for SWPPP projects.
- Prepare and submit Threat of Discharge reports.
- Prepare and submit Illicit Connection/Discharge Reports for Construction
- Represent Construction in the District's SWMT Meetings.
- Provide input to the Annual Report.
- Participate on the Construction SWAT defined in the SWMP

The CSWC ensures that all enforcement actions or corrections requested by the Regional Boards are promptly implemented, and documented. The CSWC serves as the primary conduit for information during the construction phase for the Headquarters Construction, and construction field staff. The CSWC supports the design related functional units in determining specific project needs and evaluation of water pollution control measures in the field.

Landscape Architecture Coordinator

Central Region Landscape Architecture facilitates the incorporation of erosion control recommendations into the planning, design, and construction of all projects in Districts 05,06,09, and 10. The District Landscape Architect is the primary point of contact for the functional units and the DSWC. Central Region Landscape Architecture provides field support to Construction, Maintenance, and Permits when requested.

The specific storm water tasks for which Central Region Landscape Architecture is responsible include the following:

- Determination and evaluation of storm water impacts during CEQA/NEPA screening.

- Evaluation and recommendation of permanent control and treatment control measures for addressing project storm water impacts.
- Identification of costs related to erosion control on programming documents.
- Develops specifications, details, and guidance materials related to erosion control.
- Preparation of contract PS&E to address erosion control for projects.
- Preparation or aid in the preparation of the contract PS&E for inclusion of permanent control and treatment control measures to improve or minimize water quality impacts on projects.
- Assist the District Permits Branch in evaluating water quality impacts and requirements of encroachment permit applications.

The District Landscape Architect must approve slope designs steeper than 1:4 in order to assure compliance with regulations affecting Stormwater Pollution contained in the Federal Clean Water Act.

Right-of-Way Coordinator

The Right of Way Coordinator is responsible to:

- Attend all SWMT meetings to report on Right of Way activities.
- Ensure that storm water training is available to Right of Way Agents tasked with property inspection responsibilities.
- Maintain documentation of the inspection findings and corrective actions.
- Notify the SWMT and/or the DSWC of discharges or situations that appear to be in gross violation of Department's Permit, SWMP, or RWP.
- Report instances where Right of Way conducted construction activities that required the development of a SWPPP or WPCP and related notification.

Permits Coordinator

The Permits Coordinator is a member of the SWMT responsible for ensuring that the District Office of Permits complies with the Permit, SWMP, and RWP. The Office of Permits is responsible for issuing permits to local agencies, utility companies, and others (i.e. film production companies, marathon sponsors, etc.) that desire to encroach into the Department's right-of-way for conducting construction, maintenance, or other activities consistent with their organization. The Permits Coordinator ensures that all permits issued to those encroaching into the Department's right of way comply with the Department's NPDES Permit.

In compliance with Permit Section M.10.b, the following individuals/positions listed in Table 2–2 are authorized to sign the documents, reports, and other information submitted by the District to either the SWRCB or the RWQCB(s). These individuals/positions may delegate authorization to their staff to sign various documents and reports required for implementation of the Storm Water Program.

Portions of Caltrans District 10 fall within the jurisdiction of the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (L-RWQCB). An organizational chart for the Lahontan Region's Storm Water responsibilities is shown in Figure 2–1. Staff members responsible for implementing the SWMP within the L-RWQCB jurisdiction are listed in Table 2–1. Delegation of signatory authority for key Permit/SWMP required documents is included in Table 2–2.

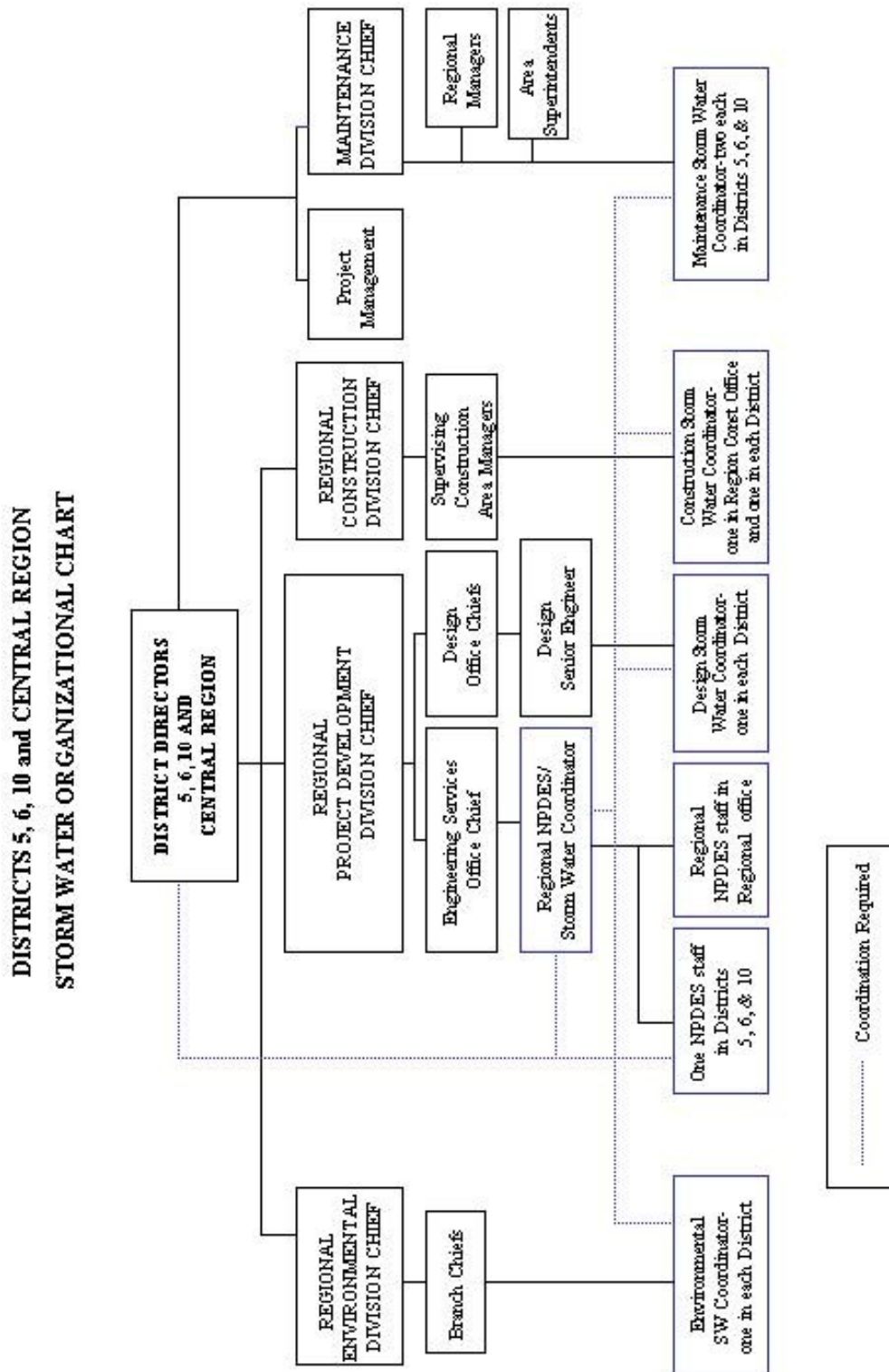
Table 2–1: District 10 Department Storm Water Personnel and Responsibilities

| Staff Name | Title | Phone No. | Responsibility |
|-------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Darren Cousineau | Central Region Storm Water Coordinator | (559) 243-8007 | Primary contact for all storm water issues. Oversee all NPDES office employees within the Region. |
| Kerry Molz | District 10 NPDES Coordinator | (209) 942-6167 | Primary contact for all District 10 storm water issues. |
| Rudy Chavez | Central Region Construction Storm Water Coordinator | (559) 244-2560 | Primary contact for construction-related storm water issues. |
| Richard Epler | District 10 Construction Storm Water Coordinator | (209) 483-5565 | Primary contact for all District 10 construction-related storm water issues. |
| Allan Shafer | District 10 Maintenance Storm Water Coordinator | (209) 948-3725 | Primary contact for maintenance-related storm water issues. |

Table 2–2: District 10 Signatory Authority for Key Documents

| Position or Individual | Documents Authorized for Signatures |
|-------------------------------------|--|
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| District Director | All District Documents |
| Central Region SW Coordinator | All District storm water related documents except Regional Work Plan and Annual Report Certifications |
| District NPDES SW Coordinator | Discharge or Threat of Discharge Notification, Report of Illicit Connection/Discharge (IC/ID), Notice of Soil Reuse with Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) |
| Project Engineer | Notice of Construction (NOC) |
| Project Manager | Notice of Construction (NOC) |
| Construction Senior | SWPPP approval, NOC/NCC |
| Resident Engineer | SWPPP approval, NOC/NCC |
| Maintenance Storm Water Coordinator | Facility Pollution Prevention Plans (FPPP), Maintenance Activity Reports |

Figure 2-1: Central Region Organizational Chart



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3.0 DISTRICT FACILITIES AND WATER BODIES

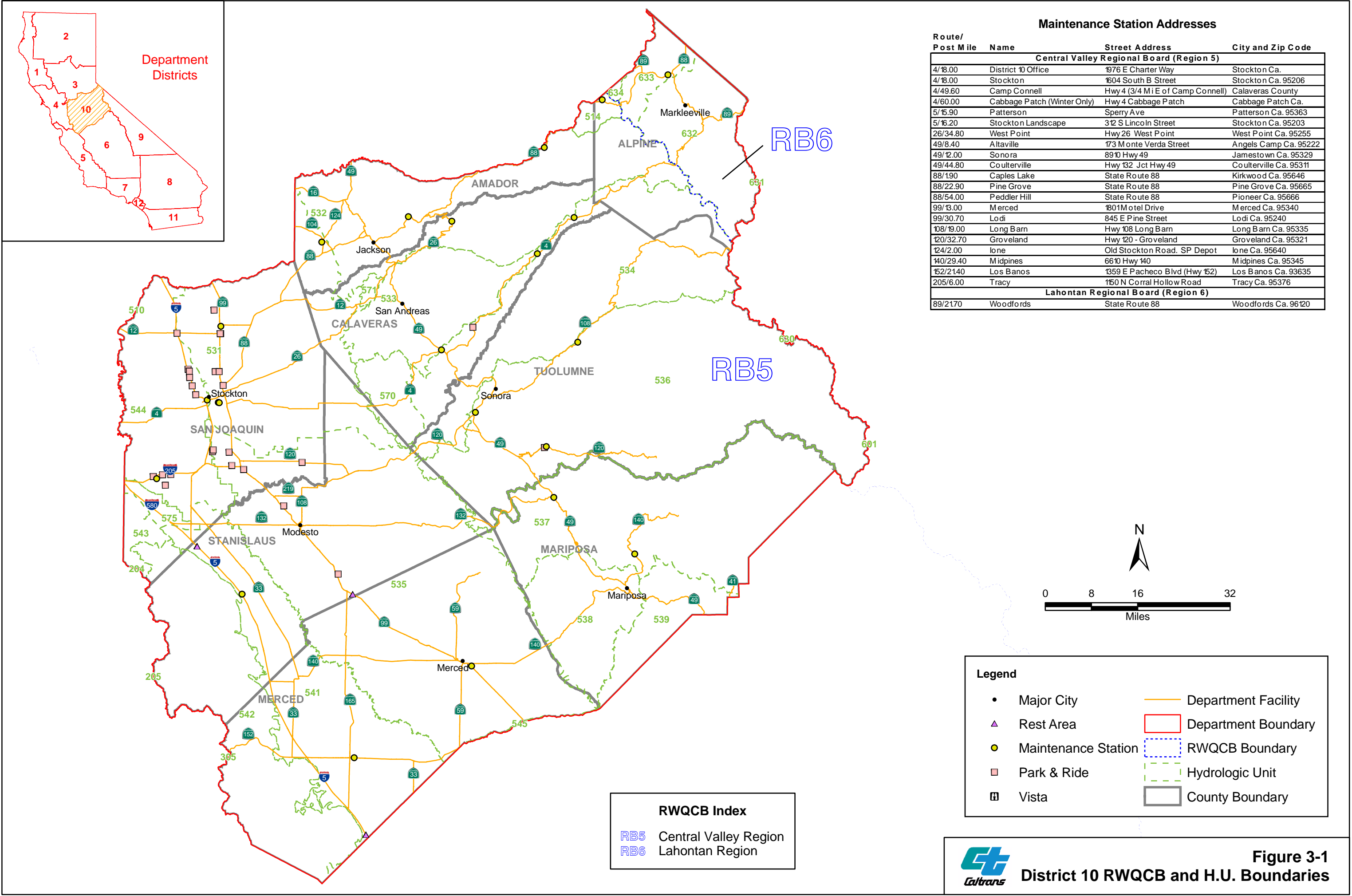
This section identifies Department facilities and water bodies within each District and Regional Board jurisdiction. A list of Department facilities, excluding roadways, is presented in Table 3–1. Maps showing the District boundaries, major roads and highways within the Lahontan RWQCB jurisdiction are presented in the accompanying Figure 3–1.

Table 3–1: District 10 Facilities

| CO | Route | PM | Name | Comments |
|--|-------|------|---------------------|--|
| Maintenance Stations | | | | |
| ALP | 88 | 21.7 | Woodfords | Highway Maintenance; 18935 Hwy 88; Woodfords, CA 96120 |
| Vista Points | | | | |
| ALP | 88 | 5.6 | Carson Pass | Carson Pass Summit, (USFS) |
| Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facilities | | | | |
| | | | None | |
| Roadside Rest Areas | | | | |
| | | | None | |
| Park and Ride Facilities | | | | |
| | | | None | |
| Sand and Salt Staging Areas | | | | |
| ALP | 88 | 13.4 | Picketts Sand House | Burnside Lake Rd. south of Hwy 88 / 89 Jct |
| Snow Storage Sites | | | | |
| | | | None | |
| Toll Road and Bridge Plazas | | | | |
| | | | None | |

Lists and maps of the Department of Water Resource Hydrologic Units located within the coverage area are presented in Appendix A of the SWMP.

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4.0 HIGH-RISK AREAS

This section describes and identifies locations where spills from the Department's owned ROW, activities, roadways, or facilities can discharge directly to a municipal or domestic water supply reservoir or a ground water recharge (percolation) facility. Projects that potentially drain to these areas consider project features that enhance spill response.

A list of high-risk areas within District 4 is presented in Table 4–1. High-risk areas (defined in the Section E.2 of the Permit) are areas such as locations where spills from Department owned right-of-ways, activities, or facilities can discharge directly to municipal or domestic water supply reservoirs or ground water percolation facilities. Additional sites may be added to the high-risk list based on discussion between the RWQCB and Department. The Permit requires consideration of appropriate spill containment and spill prevention control measures for these areas.

In order to generate the list of high-risk municipal and domestic water supply reservoirs and ground water percolation facilities, the Department first contacted known public and private water supply providers. From the information received, the Department determined which facilities were susceptible to a direct spill from a Department activity or facility. This determination was based on proximity between the water body and the Department's facility, use characteristics of the facility, and the probable spill response time.

The Department will consider and implement spill containment and prevention control measures in accordance with the processes contained in the SWMP including Section 3 for BMP identification and implementation, Section 4.4.1 for new construction projects or Section 4.4.2 for retrofit projects that are within these areas.

Goals and Commitments

The District is committed to maintaining the quality of water within its jurisdiction, as it has been since the inception of the program. In the event that any water quality concerns are detected in the future, goals and commitments will be developed and implemented to address those issues.

Coordination and Partnerships

As required by the SWMP and Permit, the District coordinates regularly with agencies, partners, local interested parties, and RWQCB staff to accomplish its storm water management goals. If future issues require, the District will coordinate with groups or agencies to implement BMPs wherever possible.

Documents and Reports

As necessary, the District will evaluate what changes should be made to the District's existing documents and/or guidance on storm water activities and tasks to improve implementation of the SWMP. Major upcoming changes to documents and reports will comply with the requirements of the new Permit and new SWMP, which is currently under development.

Educational Efforts

The District continues to conduct training classes, as needed, to train District staff and contractors on the use of BMPs to comply with SWMP requirements and to address how certain projects might potentially impact high-risk areas. The District will evaluate what training or educational sessions may be helpful in educating District staff about the special issues high-risk areas present and how to address them according to the requirements of the SWMP and Permit.

Table 4–1: District 10 High-Risk Areas

| Road Segment/ Facility | County | High-Risk Area | Description | Comments |
|--|---------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| No High-Risk Facilities are in the District 10/Lahontan area | | | | |

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES

This section presents specific project work planned for the year and indicates BMP implementation improvements. The anticipated schedule of construction and maintenance activities is subject to change. Department will discuss with the RWQCBs new projects meeting the criteria listed below when ground disturbance takes place or when significant maintenance activities are initiated during the year. These projects are updates to the RWP provided each April. Table 5–1 includes a list of construction projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- The project involves greater than 5 acres of land disturbance, designated as “DSA”;
- The project affects a 303(d) listed water body within the project limits, designated as “303d”;
- The project requires a 401 Water Quality Certification or Waiver, designated as “401”;
- The project is a Supplemental Environmental Project (water quality project negotiated by the RWQCB and the Department) designated as “SEP”;
- The project is a storm water retrofit project (SWMP Section 4.4.2), designated as “Retro”;
- The project includes Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board specific requirements for the Lake Tahoe Hydrologic Unit, designated as “LT”;
- The project limits are within a “High Risk Area,” designated as “HR”; and
- The project is designated by a RWQCB as posing a potential threat to water quality, designated as “RB.”

The information presented in Table 5–1 is intended to facilitate early RWQCB staff input in the project-planning phase in accordance with Section L.8 of the Permit and Section 4.4 of the SWMP. The goal is to resolve water quality issues that may affect project funding, permitting, and scheduling. In addition, projects that require RWQCB review and approval of project SWPPPs/WPCPs in accordance with Sections H.8 and L.8 of the Permit are also covered in Table 5–1.

Table 5–2 presents a list of anticipated significant maintenance projects that have the potential to impact water quality; it provides early notification of such activities. It also includes region-specific issues and BMP actions/modifications based on program evaluations discussed in current and/or past Annual Report(s). Department DNCs or Maintenance Storm Water Coordinators will coordinate with the appropriate RWQCBs to discuss maintenance activities listed in the RWP.

Table 5–3 summarizes various program management activities that are part of the storm water pollution prevention program.

Educational Efforts

The "Don't Trash California" Campaign will continue in District 10. The "Don't Trash California" Storm Water Public Education Campaign is the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Storm Water Management Program's 22-month, \$6.5 million statewide effort to reduce the amount of pollutants (including litter) that enter the highway storm drains. The campaign is based on Caltrans' successful three-year, public education pilot program completed in the Fresno Metropolitan Area in 2003.

The Department's Adopt-A-Highway program is a continual reminder to participants and to the public of pride in their public property and of the unacceptability of proliferation of litter.

A monthly newsletter highlighting a storm water topic is distributed to employees throughout the district.

Courses expected to be offered in District 10 include the following:

- Design of Treatment BMPs: targeting design engineers, focusing on newly approved treatment BMPs.
- Field Application Training for Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs on Construction Sites: targeting new employees in Construction and Maintenance.
- Water Pollution Control Compliance on Construction Sites: targeting resident engineers in Construction
- Inspecting for Water Pollution Control on Construction Sites: targeting resident engineers and construction inspectors
- Storm Water Data Report Workshop: targeting all design engineers
- Project Planning and Design Guide: targeting new employees in Project Development.

On-going training pertaining to storm water issues will be provided through Maintenance BMP tailgate meetings every ten days or change of activities. Three-hour storm water training will be given to all Maintenance staff including Shop and Field Mechanics, and Maintenance Superintendents and Management will receive two-hour training.

Table 5–1: District 10 Anticipated Project Development/Construction Schedule

| No. | SWMP Category* | EA # | Co. | Rte | BK PM | AH PM | Description | Water Bodies Impacted by Project | Land Disturbance Acreage | Criteria** | Anticipated Project Delivery Schedule | | Construction Period | |
|---|-------------------|------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|---|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | PA&ED Date | PS&E Date | Start Date | Completion Date |
| District 10 has no projects that meet criteria in Region 6. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 5-1 Legend

*SWMP Category is defined in Statewide Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) Section 4.4.1, Table 4-3,

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| (A) | Beginning of project development process prior to approval of the PSR (Project Study Report) |
| (B) | PSR approved, but environmental documents are not final |
| (C) | Environmental documents final |
| (D) | Environmental documents final, designs complete and project in the construction phase of project delivery |

Note: The most updated SWMP is dated insert new SWMP date. Therefore, the SWMP Categories A, B, C, and D are selected for the projects between the five years period of Year to Year from PID to CCA.

****Criteria:**

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|--------------|---|
| DSA | = Disturbed Soil Area is greater than 5 acres |
| 303d | = 303(d) listed water body within project limits and affected by project |
| 401 | = 401 Certification/waiver required |
| HR | = High Risk (Project limit within a high-risk area) |
| Key: | |
| EA | = Expenditure Authorization |
| CO-RTE-PM | = County / Route / Post Mile |
| SWPPP / WPCP | = Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan / Water Pollution Control Program |
| Water Body | = Water body impacted by project |
| RB | = Regional Water Quality Control Board |
| PID | = Project Initiation Document |
| PAED | = Project Approval / Environmental Document |
| PS&E | = Plans, Specifications, and Estimates |
| RTL | = Ready to List |
| CCA | = Construction Completion Acceptance |
| SEP | = Supplemental Environmental Project |
| Retro | = Storm Water Retrofit Project (SWMP Section 4.4.2) |

Note: All projects that do not require a SWPPP will require a WPCP.

Table 5–2: District 10 Anticipated Maintenance Activities and Other Management Practices

| Significant Road Maintenance Activities (1) | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| County | Route | PM | Description | Water Bodies Affected | Criteria (2) | Start Date | Completion Date |
| None | | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">Maintenance Facility and Activity Inspections</p> <p>The District Maintenance Storm Water Coordinator will schedule all Maintenance Facilities within District 10 for annual inspection. These inspections will be used to ensure that BMPs are consistent with those described in each Facility Pollution Prevention Plan (FPPP). In addition, the inspections will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the BMPs and to recommend any needed changes to the BMPs or the FPPP, which are to be identified in the RWP for next year.</p> <p>Facilities to be inspected include: Modesto, Stockton, Merced, Tracy, and Cabbage Patch</p> <p>Activities to be inspected will include paving, crack sealing, bridge repair, chemical spraying, etc.</p> | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance Facility BMP Improvements | | | | | | | |
| Inspections described above must be conducted before identifying any improvements. | | | | | | | |
| Maintenance BMP Actions/Modifications | | | | | | | |
| <i>Inspections described above must be conducted before identifying any actions or modifications.</i> | | | | | | | |
| Vegetation Management and Vegetated Slope Management | | | | | | | |
| <p><i>The District's Vegetation Control Plan (VCP) for FY 2006-2007 is under development. The goal of the District's 2006-2007 VCP is to minimize the discharge of chemicals to receiving waters by reducing chemical use for vegetation control. The district VCPs are under development at this time. They include the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Type of chemical to be applied</i> • <i>Applications locations, widths, total acres applied, frequency, amount totals</i> • <i>Reason for application</i> | | | | | | | |

Table 5-2 Legend

- (1) Significant road maintenance activities includes projects involving grade changes, additional hydraulic capacity, direct discharges to surface waters, increases in impervious surface area, or other activities identified or agreed to between RWQCB and Department staff.
- (2) Criteria:
- 401 = 401 Certification/Waiver required
 - DSA = Disturbed Soil Area is greater than one (1) acre
 - 303d = 303 (d) listed water body within project limits and affected by project
 - 401 = 401 Certification/Waiver required
 - SEP = Supplemental Environmental Project
 - Retro = Storm Water Retrofit Project
 - HR = Project limits within High Risk Area
 - RB = RWQCB designated project as a potential threat to water quality

Table 5–3: District 10 General Management Practices

| Monitoring Activities |
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| Monitoring activities will be conducted in accordance with the statewide program described in the Storm Water Monitoring & Research Program Characterization Monitoring Plan FY 2002-2003. |
| Construction Compliance Monitoring Program |
| Construction activities are inspected through the Construction Compliance Monitoring Program. Monitoring results are provided in the annual report. The Construction Storm Water Coordinator conducts reviews of projects when feasible. |
| Training and Public Outreach |
| <p><u>Maintenance</u>: On-going pertaining to SW issues will be provided through the BMP tailgate meetings every 10 days or change of activities. Three-hour SW training will be given to all Maintenance staff including Shop and Field Mechanics. Superintendents and Management will receive two hours training.</p> <p><u>Construction</u>: For FY 05/06, Central Region Construction plans to train all construction field staff on storm water pollution construction that has not been previously trained. This includes staff that missed training during 04/05 and new hires. New training modules will be developed for Phase II permit changes and Sampling and Analyses requirements.</p> <p><u>Design</u>: Training courses for Design staff includes: Project Planning and Design Guide, Designing Treatment BMPs, and Storm Water Data Report Workshops.</p> <p><u>Adopt-A-Highway</u>: The Department's Adopt-A-Highway program is a continual reminder to participants and to the public of pride in their public property and of the unacceptability of proliferation of litter.</p> <p><u>"Don't Trash California"</u>: A statewide campaign to reduce the amount of pollutants (including litter) that enter the highway storm drains.</p> |
| Municipal Coordination |
| Coordination will continue with municipalities through the project development process. Municipal counterparts are notified of spills on Department property that might affect them. Representatives of municipalities and other local agencies are encouraged to attend and participate in Department Maintenance training meetings. Contacts are promoted to allow Department participation in other agency training. Maintenance Supervisors are encouraged to establish networks with local agencies. The Department Permits Department is included in Maintenance and Construction training, and a mentoring effort is made with Permits engineers, inspectors, and their permittees. |
| Storm Water Data Report (SWDR) |
| In compliance with the Statewide Design Compliance Monitoring program, the District prepares SWDRs for all projects. Designers evaluate all projects for opportunities to include permanent and temporary BMPs in accordance with design guidelines. |
| Encroachment Permit |
| The District exercises its authority to enforce storm water requirements by imposing conditions in the encroachment permit. |